

REMARKS

I. Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification because the title of the invention was not deemed to be descriptive. A new title has been presented by means of the foregoing amendment to the specification that is clearly descriptive of the invention to which claims are directed.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 7, 12, 24, 25 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 12 and 25 have been canceled in the foregoing claim amendment.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 4 which recites a reference module. Accordingly, the antecedent basis problem with claim 7 as previously presented is corrected.

Claim 24 depends from claim 21. Claim 21 has been amended as described below to recite a reference module. Accordingly, the element of the “the reference module” in claim 24 now has proper antecedent basis. In addition, claim 24 has been amended to clarify that the previously recited “carrier material” is the “single flexible carrier material” of claim 21.

Claim 27 has also been amended to clarify that the previously cited “carrier material” is the “single flexible carrier material” of claim 21.

III. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4, 8-12, 15 and 27 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 1 and 3 from which claim 4 previously depended. Claims 1 and 3 are canceled. As amended, claim 4 is an independent claim reciting allowable subject matter. Claims 2, 7-11 and 13-19 have been amended to depend from claim 4. Accordingly, claims 2, 7-11 and 13-19 are also allowable.

Claim 20 which independently recites an array of optical sensors has been amended to include all limitations previously recited in claims 1, 3 and 4. Accordingly, claim 20 is allowable for the reason described with respect to claim 4.

Similarly, claim 21, a method claim for manufacturing an optical sensor, has been amended to include methods steps corresponding to the limitations recited for the apparatus

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of claim 4 as amended. Claims 23-24 and 26-28 depend from claim 21. Therefore, claims 21, 23-24, and 26-28 are allowable for the reasons set forth in the Office Action with respect to claim 4.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits the claims as filed are allowable over the art of record and reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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